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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL FOR AN ENERGY ACTION GROUP

REFS: (A) CAIRO 3997, SECTO 96; (B) TOKYO 16188

1. I HAVE CONVEYED MESSAGE CONTAINED REF A TO FOREIGN MINISTER OHIRA THROUGH AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRGEN OKAWARA. OKAWARA SAID THAT FOREIGN OFFICE IS NOT IN POSITION AT THIS TIME TO GO BEYOND INITIAL OFFICIAL GOJ PUBLIC POSITION AS ANNOUNCED DECEMBER 13 BY CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY NIKAIDO (REF B PARA 2). HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL IS UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION BY GOJ MINISTRIES CONCERNED. I STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF USG RECEIVING GOJ'S REACTION SOONEST IN ORDER TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED BY SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL.

2. OKAWARA THEN TOLD ME THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE GOJ STUDY OF PROPOSAL, AMBASSADOR YASUKAWA ALREADY HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SEEK
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USG VIEWS ON FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) AT WHAT LEVEL

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DOES USG CONTEMPLATE FORMATION OF ENERGY ACTION GROUP; WHAT DOES USG ANTICIPATE SHOULD BE COMPOSITION OF GROUP (I.E., EXCLUSIVELY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES OR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE EXPERTS); (B) DOES USG ATTACH ANY PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE TO DEVELOPMENT OF INITIAL ACTION PROGRAM QTE WITHIN THREE MONTHS UNQTE OTHER THAN TO EMPHASIZE URGENCY OF INITIATING EFFORT TO COME TO GRIPS WITH LONG-TERM ENERGY PROBLEM; BY WHAT STEPS WOULD ENERGY ACTION GROUP BE ORGANIZED AND HOW WOULD IT PROCEED TO DEVELOP INITIAL ACTION PLAN; (C) WITH REGARD TO QTE MASSIVE EFFORT TO PROVIDE PRODUCERS AN INCENTIVE TO INCREASE THEIR SUPPLY UNQTE, WHAT TYPES OF INCENTIVES DOES USG HAVE IN MIND; (D) HAS USG BEEN ABLE TO MAKE ANY ASSESSMENT OF PROSPECTS FOR PARTICIPATION BY PRODUCING NATIONS IN ENERGY ACTION GROUP; IF PRODUCING NATIONS REFUSE TO JOIN ENERGY ACTION GROUP OR OPPOSE FORMATION OF SUCH A GROUP BY CONSUMING NATIONS, HOW WOULD THIS AFFECT FEASIBILITY OF SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL? OKAWARA INDICATED THAT INFORMATION WHICH USG MIGHT BE ABLE PROVIDE ON THESE POINTS WOULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE HELP IN RESOLVING ISSUES WHICH APPARENTLY HAVE BEEN RAISED IN INITIAL DISCUSSIONS WITHIN GOJ OF SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL AND ASSIST IN DEVELOPMENT OF GOJ RESPONSE.
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